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SUBJECT: NEW QATAR AIRPORT

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1. WE HAVE AGAIN CONTACTED QATAR DIRECTOR-GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA) WHO CONFIRMS THAT HE NOW SEEKING CONSTRUCTION RPT CONSTRUCTION FIRMS TO IMPLEMENT DESIGN DRAW UP BY BRITISH CONSULTANTS GIBB, PETER MULLER. IN OTHER WORDS, HE SEEKING FIRMS CATEGORY ONE, REFTEL.

2. DGCA ALSO RECONFIRMED BIDDING WILL BE OPEN ONLY TO SELECT LIST OF SIX INTERNATIONAL FIRMS. AS RESULT, HE WILL BE ABLE INCLUDE ONLY MAXIMUM OF THREE AMERICAN FIRMS ON LIST. TO DATE HE HAS HAD PROPOSALS FROM MORRISON KNUDSON OF BOISE, IDAHO; BROWN AND ROOT OF HOUSTON; H.B. ZACHRY OF SAN ANTONIO; GUNTERT AND BANNERMAN OF STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, AND NELLO L. TEER OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA. AS DGCA HIMSELF NO EXPERT ON INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION FIRMS HE HAS ASKED US TO RECOMMEND WHICH OF THESE FIRMS SHOULD BE PLACED ON HIS SELECTIVE LIST. WE OF COURSE HAVE DECLINED TO FAVOR ONE U.S. CONCERN OVER ANOTHER. HOWEVER, TO ASSIST DGCA IN MAKING RATIONAL CHOICE AND REMEMBERING DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED A FEW YEARS AGO WITH JIDDA AIRPORT, WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD SUPPLY US WITH FINANCIAL AND OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON FIRMS MENTIONED ABOVE, AS WFOO AS ON ANY OTHER AMERICAN
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CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES DEPARTMENT FEELS DGCA SHOULD

CONSIDER IN MAKING HIS FINAL THREE FIRM SELECTION.
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